

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Community Youth Employment Act.

6 Section 5. Program; eligibility. Subject to appropriation,  
7 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall  
8 administer a competitive grant program that will provide 5,000  
9 youths with stipends or wages, or both, and supervision for up  
10 to a 10-week summer work period. The grants shall be awarded  
11 only to summer programs, of no more than 100 youths, that:

12 (1) are created and administered by a community-based  
13 organization, not-for-profit organization, educational  
14 institution, or governmental entity in Illinois;

15 (2) employ low-income youths in Illinois between the  
16 ages of 14 and 21; and

17 (3) involve age-appropriate, ability-appropriate, and  
18 experience-appropriate:

19 (A) job training;

20 (B) life skills;

21 (C) education counseling;

22 (D) work readiness skills; or

23 (E) supervised meaningful work experience

1 projects.

2 Section 10. Eligible costs. Grant money awarded under this  
3 Act shall be used as follows:

4 (1) a stipend of \$7.50 per hour for learning activities  
5 and at least minimum wage for meaningful work experience  
6 for a maximum of 200 hours per participating youth, to be  
7 paid over a 10-week period;

8 (2) to provide salary for supervisors for each summer  
9 program;

10 (3) supportive services, including but not limited to  
11 transportation and child care; and

12 (4) a 10% overhead, per summer program, to provide for  
13 insurance and business necessities.

14 Section 15. Grantee responsibilities. Any entity receiving  
15 a grant under this Act must provide services to the youths  
16 receiving stipends or wages, or both, under this Act. In  
17 providing the following services, the entity must expend, out  
18 of the entity's budget, at least 20% of any amount awarded in  
19 paragraphs (2) through (4) of Section 10 to provide for  
20 services under this Section. The services provided must  
21 include:

22 (1) job assessment services;

23 (2) recreation services;

24 (3) job placement services; or

1           (4) administration of this youth program.

2           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3           becoming law.